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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Reverend Ricky D. Dixon on the occasion of his installation as pastor of Beautiful Zion Missionary Baptist Church (BZMBC); and

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WHEREAS, BZMBC, organized with 16 members in 1945, is located on Chicago's South Side and provides spiritual leadership and pastoral care to congregants, the larger Englewood community, and beyond; the church is committed to discipleship, fellowship, love, care, and its faith; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Dixon is a native of Joliet; he committed to his faith at Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church of South Holland on March 18, 1998; he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Eastern Illinois University and also holds a specialized certificate from Northern Theological Seminary in Lombard, where he is pursuing a Master of Arts in Urban Leadership; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Dixon has more than 12 years of successful pastoral experience, most recently as an associate minister at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago, where he is a member; for more than a decade, he served as pastor at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Sun River Terrace; he

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1 also previously served in a leadership role at Zion Travelers
2 Missionary Baptist Church in South Holland; and

3 WHEREAS, Professionally, Rev. Dixon is the senior director
4 of Membership Operations for the American Dental Association
5 (ADA), a professional association based in Chicago comprised
6 of more than 156,000 members; and

7 WHEREAS, Rev. Dixon is the husband of Eva Marie (Thomas)
8 Dixon, and they have been married for 28 years; together, they
9 are the parents of Joshua Thomas Dixon and the late Hannah
10 Noel; and

11 WHEREAS, Rev. Dixon will be the sixth dynamic leader to
12 serve at the helm in BZMBC's history, and he will be installed
13 as the pastor on July 30, 2023; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we recognize Reverend Ricky D. Dixon on his installation as
17 pastor of Beautiful Zion Missionary Baptist Church (BZMBC) of
18 Chicago; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Rev. Dixon as an expression of our esteem and
21 respect.